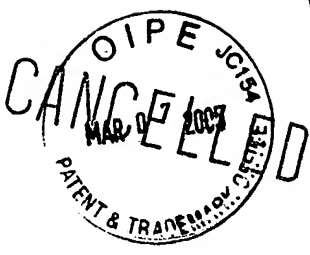



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Amendment/Response

Sir:

In the above-referenced patent application, in response to the office action dated December 1, 2004, please enter the following amendment.

In the Claims:

Amend the claims as follows: